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## CALENDAR



Tues., June 17 - Open House. "The Dilemma of Central and Eastern Europe." Annual Discussion Panel with Int'l. Federation of Free Journalists. Cocktails, 6:15 p.m., buffet.

Panelists include: A.A. Berle, Jr., Stuart Hannon, and IFFJ members George Ionescu, Nicholas Pentcheff, Boleslaw Wierzbanski and Paul Vajda, IFFJ host. OPC President Thomas P. Whitney will moderate.

Thurs., June 19 - Luncheon. Panel of N.Y. Times Foreign Correspondents. 12:30 p.m. (See story, this page.)

Tues., June 24 - Open House. Jack Redding. Cocktails 6:15 p.m., buffet.

Redding, PR director for President Truman's 1948 election campaign and former PR aide to General Bradley, published a new book June 16, Inside the Democratic Party.

## INS Story - Continued

### OPC OFFERS FACILITIES TO LOCAL INSERS; NEW HEARST SERVICE

This week, while newspapermen, magazine editors and the Justice Dep't. continued their debate at the grave of INS, the OPC effort to assist jobless correspondents moved into high gear.

OPC President Thomas P. Whitney issued an invitation to all INS staffers in the New York area to make use of the clubhouse while they go about the task of finding new jobs. Whitney has sent a three-month guest card to all affected INS people, offering them Club facilities whether or not they are members.

This week's move at home reinforced OPC efforts on behalf of INS staffers overseas. They have all been notified that the OPC Placement Committee, under Acting Chairman Ted Schoening, is at their service.

By the time *The Overseas Press Bulletin* had gone to press, over half a dozen INS foreign correspondents had written to the Committee — from such points as Manila, Tokyo, London — reporting on their plans to return to the U.S., visit the OPC committee and seek its assistance. So far, the job opportunities uncovered have been very limited, but an appeal has gone out to OPC members and to communications organizations generally asking that the Club be informed of any suitable job openings.

Meanwhile, the Hearst newspapers set about organizing a new "news-gathering and feature enterprise" that will use the talents of at least a few INS regulars — and maybe more in the future. It is called the "Hearst Headline Service," and will supply (according to an announcement by William R. Hearst, Jr.) "exclusive and colorful stories, articles and newsfeatures written by some of the most famous headliners in American journalism."

Among the "name" writers cited by Hearst were Bob Considine, Pierre Huss, Ruth Montgomery, Phyllis Battelle, Jim Bishop, Frank Conniff. The foreign staff will build around a nucleus including Serge Fliegers, assigned to Paris, and John Casserly in Rome.

## OVERSEAS TICKER

### TOKYO

The latest man to take the zero out of eighty and make his trip around the world in eight, not eighty, days is Ernest Hobrecht, UPI vice president and general manager for Asia. Says the man who was first to land at an airport in post-war Japan (late August, 1945), "I saw a lot of airports in Europe, and a lot of executives in New York — that's the whole story of my 'Round the World in Eight Days' trip."

Up from Hongkong to wrap up the Japanese elections and check on the latest economic developments is Hongkong based Gordon Walker of the *Christian Science Monitor*.

Following his return from a months' trip to far corners of Asia, accenting India and Indonesia, Igor Oganessoff, *Wall Street Journal*, took off again for Korea.

Jim Becker flew in from his bureau  
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## TIMESMEN WILL TALK ABOUT THEIR BEATS

Henry Giniger will join *N.Y. Times*' foreign correspondents Bernard Kalb, Foster Hailey, Walter Waggoner and Joseph Haff as luncheon guests of the OPC on June 19.



GINIGER

Giniger, Paris bureau, served as a Marine Corps combat correspondent in the Pacific before joining the *Times* in 1946.

Bernard Kalb accepted the post as Southeast Asia correspondent in 1956 following his assignment to "Operation Deepfreeze" in the Antarctic. His career with the *Times* began in the newsroom of the *Times* radio station, WQXR.



KALB

Foster Hailey rounds the circle later



HAILEY

this summer when he takes up his post as *Times* correspondent in Cairo. He has covered every continent except Africa for the *Times*.

He joined the *Times* in 1937 as general assignment reporter and was a Pacific war correspondent from 1941 to 1943. Following various other assignments, he was sent to Tokyo in 1955 and left Japan in January of this year for the Middle East.

Walter Waggoner's new assignment  
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## PEOPLE & PLACES

*John Jefferson*, CBS assistant director of public affairs, has adopted a second child, a boy...*Adeline Fitzgerald* arrives today representing Paris Fashion Group at New York conference; husband Robert Fagerty follows June 16 on home leave and mission to Jamaica and Haiti.

*Croswell Bowen* completed the manuscript of his biography of Eugene O'Neill and his family — *Curse of the Misbegotten: Tale of the House of O'Neill*. He was assisted by Shane O'Neill, the dramatist's son; they corresponded with 1,378 persons, interviewed 948.

*Bill Ryan*, NBC News, and wife Kay became parents of a son, Marc, on May 2 - that makes three daughters and three sons...*Patricia* and *Dickson Hartwell* in Bahamas on a month's special assignment...*Carl H. Winston* resigned as ass't. publicity director of Columbia Pictures in New York to devote full time to free-lancing for magazines...*Charles H. "Chuck" Klensch* and wife "Copper" became parents of a son in London May 28; they have one daughter. Klensch is former INSer; the family will return to U.S. about mid-August.

*Tom Johnson*, former N.Y. Sun foreign correspondent and now free-lancer, receives an honorary degree from Hobart College, his alma mater, tomorrow.

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### TICKER (Continued from page 1)

chief's post in Manila to spark the all-out AP effort to provide world coverage of the Third Asian Games. AP worked 'round the clock, used a staff of about 60 Japanese and Americans.

In from Paris for the Games came sports ace Jacques Grossbois. He took up his post, behind a 'phone, in the first row of seats at the New Tokyo National Athletic Stadium.

Meanwhile, 1,000 Japanese photographers and reporters fought for seats with 100 Tokyo-based foreign press men and over 150 foreign correspondents who came in from 20 Asian countries.

Your correspondent's first novel, tentatively entitled *The Bright Face and the Dark Face*, a story of post-war Japan, is to go on sale late this summer. It is being published by the Charles E. Tuttle Co. of Rutland, Vt. and of Tokyo, a company which publishes books under the slogan, "Books To Span The East and West."

Stuart Griffin

### RIO DE JANEIRO

During its May luncheon meeting, the Rio chapter of the OPC heard *Tad Szulc*, N.Y. Times correspondent, give a detailed account of Vice President Richard Nixon's trip through South America.

Szulc gave a spit-by-spit account of Nixon's Caracas visit and discussed the reasons behind the demonstrations. He has covered Caracas as well as other Latin American points for more than two years and was credited with a major beat on the Venezuelan revolution last January.

Foreign correspondents in Rio have become a sort of unofficial scapegoat for Finance Minister Jose Maria Alkmim. Alkmim is blaming Brazil's financial crisis on speculators, and on foreign newspapers and correspondents as well as some local newspapers. He says they're all involved in a plot to destroy confidence in the *cruzeiro* — Brazil's monetary unit. Less than a year ago the *cruzeiro* was valued at about 70 to the dollar. Today it is at 125, having plummeted to 148 at one point. *Julius Golden*

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Pierre Galante and his wife, film star Olivia de Havilland, with Luncheon Committee chairman Martha Weinman.

### OPC Entertains Galantes

Pierre Galante, *Paris Match* executive editor, told the OPC that he does not know why General de Gaulle is accused of being a dictator. "He has had the power before and did not become one then," Galante told OPC luncheon guests on June 5.

Galante, who has been a journalist for twenty-five years, is visiting the U.S. with his wife Olivia de Havilland to publicize her new film "Proud Rebel."

He has lived in the U.S., for three years following World War II. His career has taken him from film reporting on a daily newspaper in Paris, a job which he quit school to accept, through service in the French Resistance in Southern France during the war.

Immediately before his luncheon talk, Galante was interviewed at the OPC by Robert Franc of Voice of America.

Your Overseas Press Bulletin Issue  
Editor This Week Is: Paul Miller.

Managing Editor: Barbara J. Bennett.

## Davis Memorial Begun

Organization of a national Elmer Davis Memorial Committee is taking shape under the sponsorship of a group of former CBS newsmen.

"A living, meaningful and lasting memorial," perhaps a scholarship fund, is planned by the Committee, organized by CBS alumni who call themselves "XCBS."

XCBS was established at the San Francisco Press and Union League Club in 1955, with Elmer Davis as honorary president.

The Memorial Committee includes the following XCBS members:

Matthew Gordon, chief press liaison officer of the UN; Bill Henry, MBS and *Los Angeles Times*; Quincy Howe, ABC; Chet Huntley, NBC; H.V. Kaltenborn, NBC; Robin Kinhead, Pan American division public relations manager; Elmer Peterson, NBC, Los Angeles; Joseph Q. Riznik, general secretary of XCBS; and William Winter, ABC, Los Angeles.

Riznik said plans were being made to organize a national fund-raising campaign and to enlist active support of all former colleagues of Davis. Committee membership is open to all who wish to take part. Inquiries may be addressed to Riznik at the Press and Union League Club, San Francisco 2, Calif.

## PUBLISHERS DEBATE IN TOKYO

Proposals to (1) abandon its worldwide "freedom of the press" campaign and (2) raise membership fees sparked sharp debate last week at the Int'l. Federation of Newspaper Publishers (FIEJ) Congress held in Tokyo.

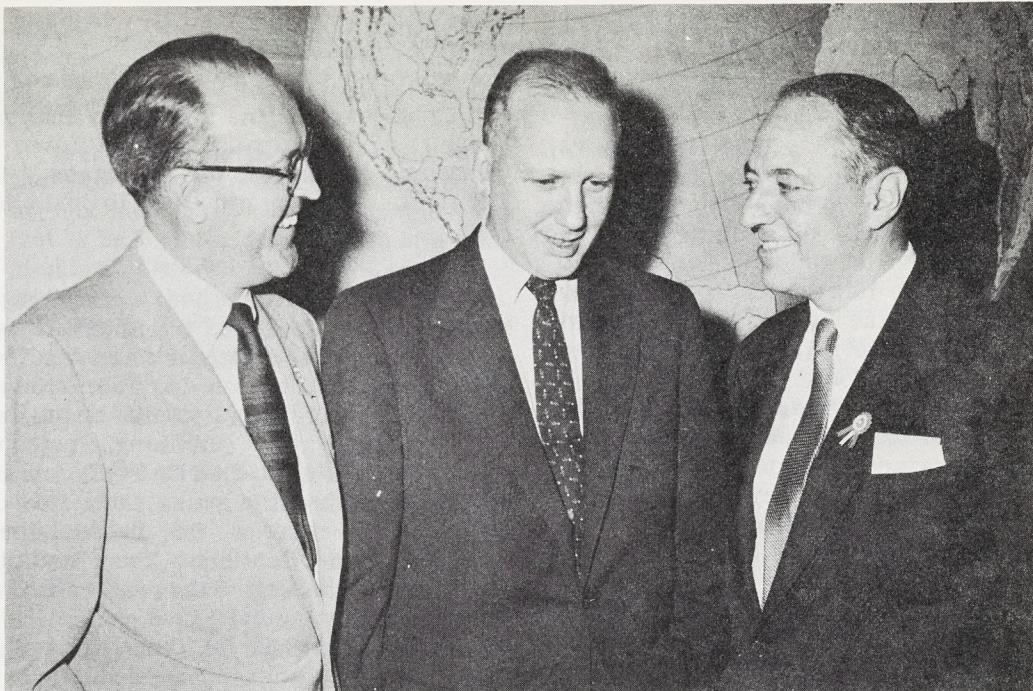
A UPI dispatch reported that delegates to the Congress - the first held outside of Europe - rejected a suggestion by a Danish delegate that the FIEJ abandon its "freedom of the press" campaign.

The Congress was divided on a recommended raise in membership fees and after debate voted formation of a committee to study the increase.

Orla Rode, FIEJ Council member and general manager of the *Politiken* of Denmark, sparked the press freedom debate when he said the FIEJ should stress "economic freedom."

"We think the FIEJ should leave matters about freedom of the press...to the Int'l. Press Institute...The FIEJ should be concentrating on economic problems," Rode said. "It is too expensive to have two organizations in the same field. It is a waste of money," he stressed.

He suggested that the FIEJ concentrate on eliminating waste, and increasing advertising and circulation.



George Hicks, CBS, Burton (Bud) Benjamin, and CBS Newsman Larry LeSueur meet at OPC reunion.

## 14 Years Later: OPC Visits Normandy Beaches

War correspondents, D-Day military leaders, and members of the Fourth Infantry Division Ass'n. gathered at the OPC on June 6 to commemorate the Fourteenth Anniversary of the Normandy invasion.

During dinner ceremonies, a plaque in honor of the war correspondents who covered the Fourth (Ivy) Division was presented to the OPC and accepted for the Club by President Thomas P. Whitney. The presentation was made by Major General Harold W. Blakely (Ret.), D-Day artillery commander of the Fourth and now president of the Fourth Infantry Division Ass'n.

Larry LeSueur, CBS Newsman who, as a war correspondent, landed with advance elements of the Fourth at Utah Beach, told the reunion some of his memories of D-Day.

Among the other D-Day correspondents who addressed the reunion group were George Hicks, announcer for CBS-TV's "UN in Action," and Hal Boyle, AP feature writer. They spoke on the rugged Hurtgen forest campaign, among other battles.

Other war correspondents attending were: Jack Belden, James McGlinny, Andy Rooney, Joe Willicombe, Neil Sullivan, Hugh Schuck and Gordon Fraser.

CBS's documentary film "D-Day Attack," shown as part of the "The Twentieth Century" series, was presented with follow-up remarks by its producer, Burton (Bud) Benjamin.

Also speaking were Major General Raymond O. Barton (Ret.), D-Day commander of the Fourth, and Admiral Henry

G. Moran (Ret.), D-Day commander of naval operations.

Larry Newman, OPC, was master of ceremonies. The program was arranged by Ed Cunningham and Larry Newman for the OPC, and Iz Goldstein, Joe Melis and Joe Summa for the Fourth Infantry Division Ass'n.

## May Resigns as Treas. Newman Named by Board

A. Wilfred May, Treasurer of the OPC since 1954, has resigned because of increased responsibilities as executive editor of the *Commercial and Financial Chronicle* and other news activities. May had been reelected Treasurer for the fifth consecutive year, by a thumping majority at the annual meeting on Apr. 22.

The Board of Governors at its meeting June 11 accepted the resignation with a vote of deep gratitude to May for his many years of arduous and fruitful work for the OPC. A number of members of the Board in individual statements expressed appreciation for May's faithful stewardship over the Club's finances.

The Board, acting under the terms of the Club's Constitution, then elected Larry Newman of the *American Weekly* as the new Treasurer.

Newman who has served as chairman of the House Operations Committee since April 1957 then resigned from that post. Vice Chairman Jess Bell now becomes Acting House Operations Chairman.

# HOW FREE IS THE FREE PRESS?

by Marshall Loeb

New York

Seldom before have so many censorship hurdles confronted the enterprising newsman. There is a disturbing trend: while the Soviet Union and its satellites appear to be relaxing censorship—if ever so slightly—the nations associated with the U.S. appear to be tightening controls on the press. Items:

\*In France during the recent dustup, the government's heavy-handed censorship, was according to one report, "the tightest invoked by any democracy since the war," and it set off an OPC protest to Ambassador Herve Alphand in Washington.

\*In Algeria, *Time-Life* reported to the OPC that censors wielded a heavy blue pencil, and that many U.S. journalists were barred from entering the country.

\*In Lebanon, *The Overseas Press Bulletin's* Middle East Correspondent Henry Toluzzi (NBC) reported that Lebanese security police threatened to jail U.S. photographers and newsmen for filming or accurately reporting the anti-government riots.

These pinprick actions in themselves would be disturbing enough were they simply isolated cases of official zeal compounded by official ignorance. But they are all the more disturbing because they appear to be symptoms of a growing world-wide tendency to mash the panic button and rein in reporters whenever events of official distaste occur.

## "Utterly Intolerable"

In the very recent past, U.S. newsmen have been hard-pressed to gather and file major stories in uneasy nations from Indonesia to Cuba. One or more issues of *Time* magazine have been banned in Angola, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Mozambique, Pakistan, Portugal, Saudi-Arabia, Syria, Spain and Venezuela. Opposition editors have been jailed and newsprint has been rationed in Turkey, a NATO nation. Censorship is a way of life in Spain, Portugal, South Korea, Jordan, Iraq and several other countries identified with the free world cause.

A dictatorship of the press also darkens much of the Western Hemisphere. This week the Inter-American Press Ass'n. celebrated its fifth annual Freedom of the Press Day. It is true that IAPA has made remarkable progress in creating press freedom in Latin America. Venezuela has won press freedom for the first time in many years, so have Argentina, Colombia and Peru. But elsewhere there is little light. The press situation

in Cuba, says IAPA, is "utterly intolerable." In Paraguay, "There isn't even a shadow of liberty of the press." In Bolivia, "Democratic life is not the rule."

## Black Ball for the U.S.

Which countries do have a free press? As recently as 1956, the International Press Institute, which is supported by the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, surveyed the press in forty free countries. The result was surprising, perhaps shocking. IPI concluded that only four of forty could boast a press fully free of government curbs — Britain, Belgium, Sweden and Denmark. The Institute blackballed the United States because of censorship by federal agencies.

IPI's report can be disputed easily.

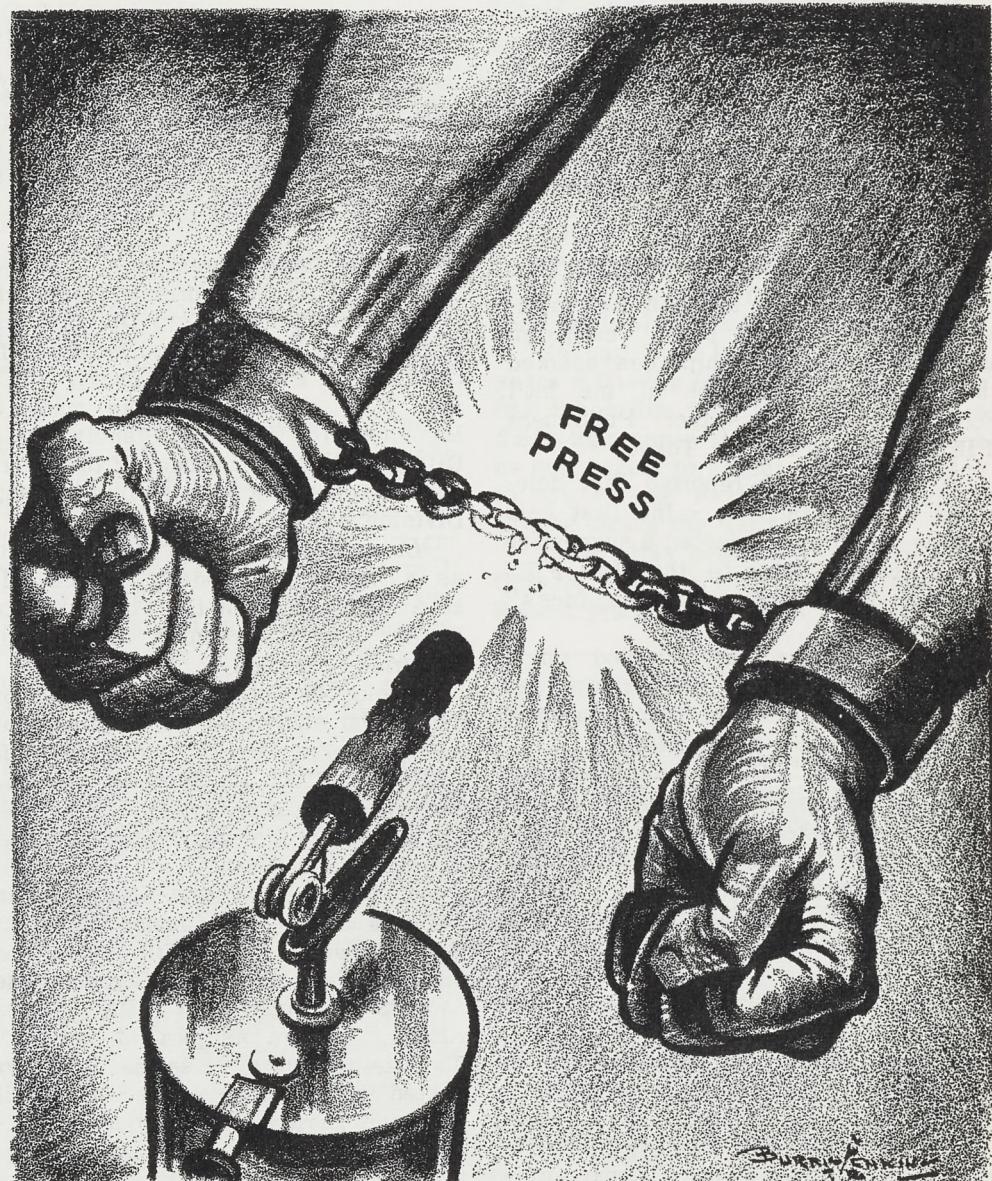
Few newsmen doubt that this nation has a free press. But there is evidence that, under the strain of the cold war and the missiles race, Government agencies are becoming more inclined to withhold legitimate news. As the *Christian Science Monitor* writes: "The label 'secret' is sometimes stamped on official documents when disclosure would jeopardize no vital national interest." The American Civil Liberties Union charges that the abuses of the Government's authority to withhold news "were never so rampant as now."

There have been several recent examples.

On Apr. 4 the State Dep't. issued a terse directive to officers of its Intelligence & Research Bureau:

## The Spark of Liberty

By Burris Jenkins Jr.



COURTESY NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN

"It is (the bureau's) policy to discourage, insofar as possible, contact with representatives of the press and to permit no conversations on official matters except in the presence of an authorized representative (of the State Dep't.)." Still more recently, the State Dep't. ordered that *all* its officers prepare memoranda after speaking with reporters. On that, OPC sent a stinging letter of protest to Sec'y. of State Dulles. OPC said: "If any officer knows he must prepare a detailed memorandum after a talk with a reporter, he will, in all probability, try to avoid seeing a reporter, and he will inevitably be less free in giving reporters background information."

#### **"In the National Interest"**

Dulles has had his differences with the press before. One of the memorable cases followed his declaration that U.S. newsmen may visit certain Communist countries only if the State Dep't. rules that their visit "is in the national interest." As Walter Lippman wrote at the time: "(This establishes) a precedent, a new and hitherto entirely un-American conception of the right and duty of the press. Mr. Dulles is making a claim that outside the three-mile limit he may treat the press as an instrument of foreign policy, and that the American press in foreign countries is subject to the paramount control of the Secretary of State."

#### **Not Yet Retracted**

Despite the blast, Dulles has not retracted the "in the national interest" policy. Neither has he retracted his statement of one year ago that freedom of the press means only freedom to *publish* news, but not necessarily to *gather* news. On May 8, 1957, the President of the United States was asked at his regular press conference if he agreed with Dulles' interpretation. The President dodged the issue: "I am not going to make a philosophical discussion on that point. I am going to take a little more time to study it." But at least one major magazine *did* discuss the point. It wrote: "Secretary Dulles' definition would deny newsmen access to every time-honored source, from the local police station to the Pentagon to Capitol Hill."

#### **"Secrecy Has Dominated"**

The Government can quite rightly argue that it has a duty to prevent the gathering of news that might give aid or comfort to a potential enemy. This is particularly true of stories concerning new weapons. But many members of Congress have criticized the executive branch for withholding too much news in the name of national defense. The House Information subcommittee, headed by Rep. John Emerson Moss, Jr., (Dem-Calif.),

declared: "In recent years, science and secrecy have collided head-on in the United States. Thus far, secrecy has dominated."

Moss was particularly miffed when the Air Force recently attempted — without success — to withhold the news that it had sent a mouse aloft in a combination Thor-Vanguard rocket, which dropped in the ocean short of its goal. The Air Force kept the story secret for five days, but newsmen finally sniffed it out. Moss has demanded "a full explanation" for the delay.

#### **Congress Enters the Fray**

It is this sort of petty secrecy that confounds and upsets Congress. In recent years Congress, led by Moss, has been feuding with the Administration in an attempt to jettison some of the seventy laws that allow the Government to withhold information. Some of these laws are undoubtedly sound. But others are antiquated.

One of the laws under dispute is the famed old Housekeeping Law, passed for George Washington in 1776. It authorizes Government heads to make regulations for "the custody, use and preservation of records." Somehow the executive branch has effectively managed to use this aged law to withhold information from the press. On Apr. 16 the House of Representatives gutted the law, passed by voice vote an amendment saying that "This section does not authorize withholding information from the public or limiting the availability of records to the public." But the amendment has yet to hurdle the Senate, and the Administration is said to oppose it. So the battle goes on.

In conclusion it is safe to make two points:

\*Throughout the world, more readers and writers are subject to a controlled press than to a free press.

\*Even in the free world a free press cannot be taken for granted. It demands constant alertness and frequent battle.



MARSHALL LOEB

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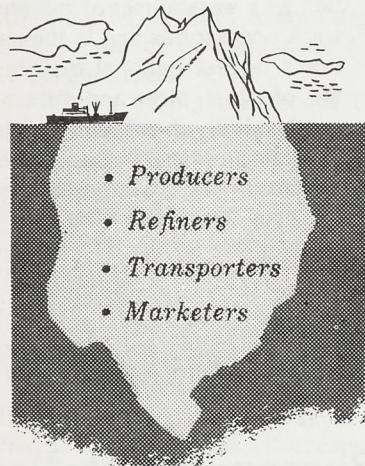
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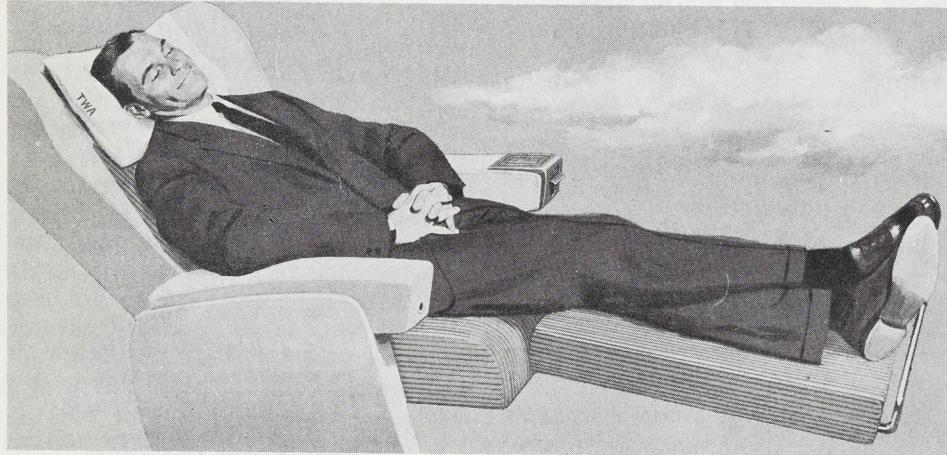
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### TIMES MEN (Continued from page 1)

to London follows three and one half years as the *Times* correspondent in The Hague. He went with the *Times* in 1944

in Washington, D.C., specializing in economic and financial assignments. He was awarded a Nieman Fellowship in 1947.

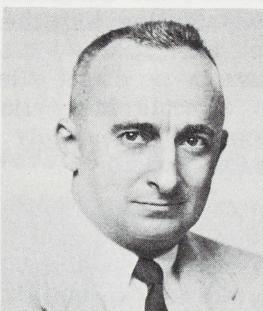
Joseph O. Haff was assigned to Ankara, Turkey in November 1955 after serving for twelve years as Hudson Co. (N.J.) correspondent for the *Times*.

Emmanuel Freedman, foreign news editor of the *Times*, will join the correspondents on the dais for the luncheon.

Reservations for the luncheon, at 12:30 p.m., are \$3.00 per person for member and one guest each.



WAGGONER



HAFF

## LETTERS



Dear Editor,

Lest there be a misinterpretation of the item in the "Overseas Ticker" last week from Crede Calhoun in Panama, allow me to clarify. The item read: "Although the censorship decreed by the government with the state of siege did not apply to foreign correspondents, Dubois and Fabian Velarde Jr., editor of *El Dia*, protested the restriction to President de la Guardia."

The decree did not exempt foreign correspondents. It was general. But the government, aware that it would be impractical to censor the dispatches because correspondents could file from the censor-free Canal Zone, abstained from enforcing it.

In my capacity as chairman of the Committee on Freedom of the Press of the Inter-American Press Ass'n., I pointed out to the President of Panama that it would be to his advantage to suspend that portion of the state-of-siege decree that applied to the newspapers *El Panama America* and *La Hora*, which I witnessed.

President de la Guardia promised he would lift censorship within the week. He kept his promise.

Velarde, who is a member of this committee, wrote a letter to the President, after consultation with me, in which he urged de la Guardia to lift censorship as soon as possible.

Chicago Tribune  
Miami, Florida

Jules Dubois

### PEOPLE & PLACES

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Arnold Beichman leaves for Europe June 21 on month's special assignment for *Christian Science Monitor*...David Zingg, Look magazine writer, on a 635-mile ocean race from Newport to Bermuda...John Groth back to Hudson Bay and Baffin Island on five-week assignment for the Hudson Bay Co.

Adele Whately Fletcher, women's features editor of *American Weekly*, to Paris to work with the Duchess of Windsor on a feature for *American Weekly*.

George J. Hecht, publisher of Parents' magazine and treasurer of the Magazine Publishers Ass'n., was elected vice president of the Int'l. Federation of Periodical Press with headquarters in Paris...Hy Steirman bought *Confidential* magazine - he'll be editor and publisher.

Ralph Gardner (president, Ralph D. Gardner Advertising), and wife became parents of their third son on June 3.

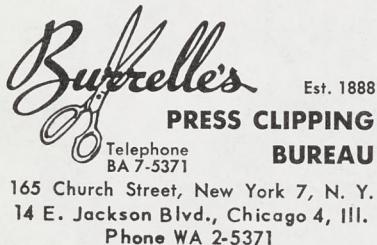
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### NBC MEN ON MOVE

*John Rich*, NBC News, who flew to Paris to help Leif Eid and Paul Archard cover the crisis, was a long time getting home. He accompanied the de Gaulle party to Algeria, then stayed on until things quieted down. He's back at his regular post in Berlin now.

*John Chancellor*, NBC News central European correspondent who was diverted to Tunis while en route to his new post, has arrived at Vienna. He'll cover most of the Iron Curtain countries from his Vienna headquarters.

With the French crisis abated for a moment, *Joseph C. Harsch*, senior European correspondent for NBC News, returned to London from Paris. *Edwin Newman* is back in Rome after hitting Paris, Algiers and New York.

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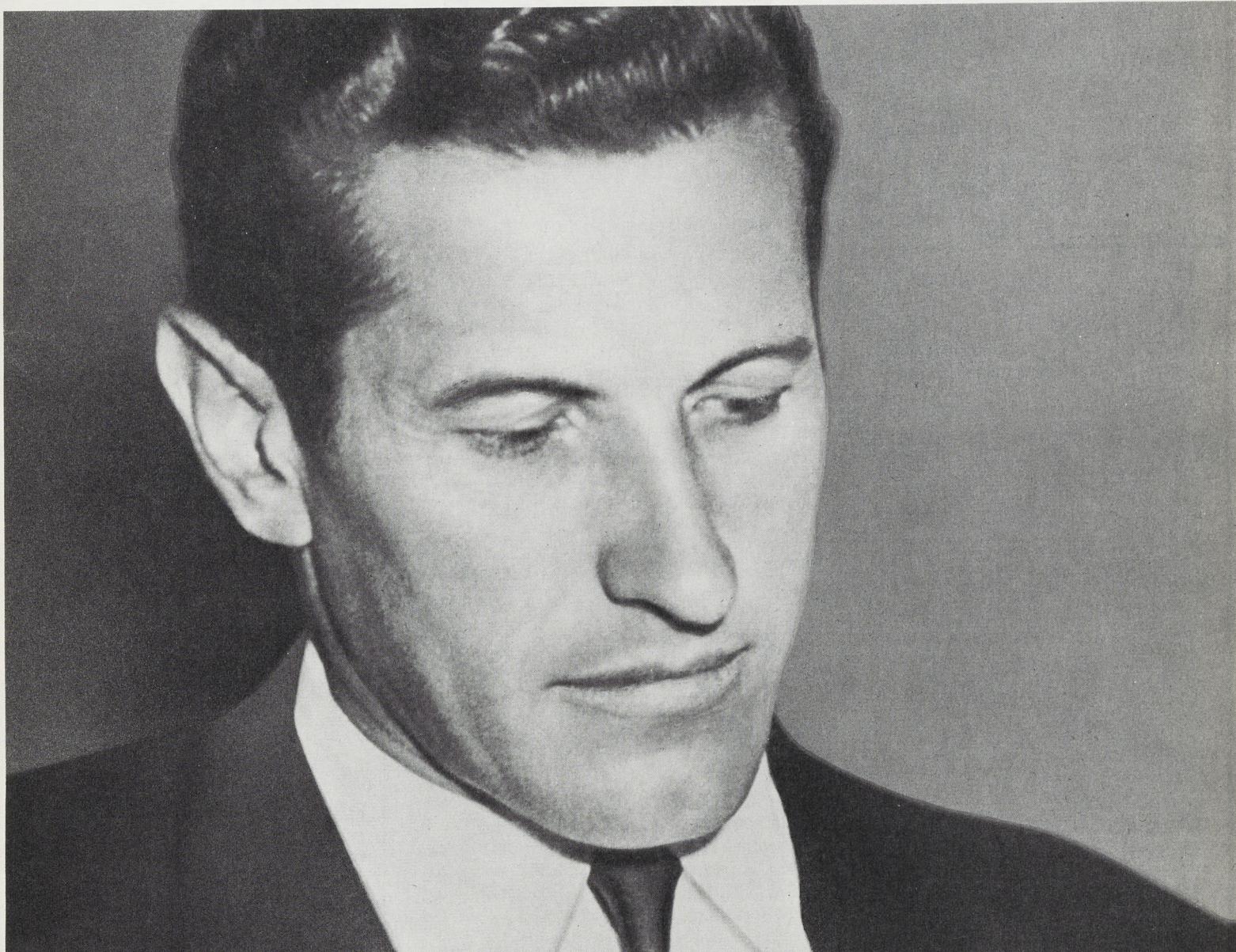
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